

A-State welcomes new club

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SHAILEY WOOLDRIDGE

STAFF WRITER

In an effort to share ideas, talk about writing and encourage young writers, Arkansas State University will soon be welcoming a new edition to its extracurricular activities: the Creative Writing Club.

Ryan Carr, a first-year theater major from Bono, Arkansas, is starting the club with help from Andrew Gadberry, an instructor of English and club sponsor.

Carr said this club will be a space for students to share any creative ideas they have, to talk about books and possibly go on trips to the movie theater or book store.

“It will be an open and free space,” Carr said. “There will be no drama.”

Gadberry said the creative writing club will be completely student run and democratic.

“It’s a place to come together with other creative writers. Having community as writers and artists in general is extremely important. Now they can support one another, they can critique one another’s work, and just be there because being an artist is very challenging, not just technically but also emotionally,” Gadberry said.

Khem Aryal, an associate professor of English, said clubs like this are beneficial to beginning creative writers and an important part of what students should be doing as writers.

“In some cases they organize events and readings. That’s wonderful. And sometimes they’ve organized writing

workshops, commending each other’s work that’s always helpful. That also encourages new students to come to the fold, which is, of course, exciting,” Aryal said.

Adrienne Alls, a first-year English major from Paragould, Arkansas, is a member of the creative writing club.

“I really hope that we can encourage each other to write and motivate each other. That’s one problem that I’ve always had, motivation. So I’m really hoping that we can feed off of each other’s ideas and motivate each other to keep going,” Alls said.

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For information on how to get involved with this organization, contact Gadberry at agadberry@astate.edu or Carr at ryan.carr@mail.astate.edu.

Bluegrass Monday features band No Time Flatt at September show

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PRESS RELEASE

The band No Time Flatt will perform a concert of bluegrass music at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 25, at the Collins Theatre, located at 120 West Emerson Street in downtown Paragould.

Formed in 2015, No Time Flatt quickly built a large group of devoted fans known as “Flatheads.” Based in West Tennessee, this band released their first album in 2017 and their second album two years later.

The group has won the Bluegrass Band of the Year honor four times at the annual Tennessee Music Awards. In 2019, they were named Entertainer of the Year at that awards ceremony.

No Time Flatt has built a reputation as an outstanding live band, known for their highly energetic and audience-engaging concerts

featuring the band members’ tight, four-part harmonies.

The band performs classic bluegrass standards, their own original compositions and their bluegrass arrangements of classic country songs.

The group has appeared at the annual convention of the Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music of America (SPBGMA), WSM radio’s “Pickin’ on The Plaza” concert series at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, the Mountain View Bluegrass Festival, and at Dollywood’s Bluegrass and Barbecue Festival.

Band members include Patrick Cupples of Dyersburg, Tenn., who sings and plays bass for the group in addition to serving as the sound engineer for live and recorded music.

Kevin Wright of Humboldt, Tenn., sings and plays guitar in the band. Wright and Cupples have previously

appeared at KASU’s Bluegrass Monday as part of Stone County Connection, a band that performed extensively around the region and placed among the top bands at SPBGMA’s International Band Competition.

Playing fiddle for the band, Becky Weaver of Montezuma, Tenn., has a degree from the University of Memphis in violin performance. Kevin Keen of Corinth, Miss., sings and plays mandolin for the group. He has played throughout the region at churches, festivals and concerts.

Steve Moore of Jackson, Tenn., sings and plays banjo in the band. He has played bluegrass music since he was a teenager, performing with groups around the country.

In addition to the concert, KASU now hosts acoustic bluegrass jam sessions for local musicians each month beginning at 5 p.m. in the Joe



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The band No Time Flatt will perform on Monday at 7 p.m. at the Collins Theatre. Tickets are \$10 for adults, children 18 and under are admitted for free.

Wessell Building, adjacent to the Collins Theatre. Musicians are invited to bring their instruments, connect with other bluegrass musicians, and enjoy making music together.

The concert is part of the Bluegrass Monday concert series presented by KASU, 91.9 FM. Tickets are \$10 for adults, children 18 and under are admitted free. Advance

tickets can be purchased at www.kasu.org/tickets.

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SQUASH OUT HUNGER



Photo by Shelby Thompson | Staff Photographer

Volunteer A-State and SGA tabled to help fight food insecurity by donating meal swipes. Students were able to paint their own squash on Heritage Plaza Lawn. Khushi Uppal, a senior Biology major from Bryant (pictured above), painted flowers on her squash.

CAMPUS CRIME



Sept. 17 | 1:25 p.m.

Officer Josh Mossman was dispatched to parking lot N-9b for vehicle damage. Upon arrival the complainant informed the officer her vehicle suffered superficial damage to the front fender and appeared to be kicked in. The complainant said she was worried that it was her ex-boyfriend, who kicked her car because he left the sorority house mad at her and she feared retaliation. After reviewing the footage, the officer was unable to identify anything or anyone that may have caused the damage within the time frame she provided.

Sept. 16 | 11:28 p.m.

Officer Chase Barnett while on patrol observed the gate arm to the NorthPark Quads and Red Wolf Den parking lot was missing. Upon reviewing camera footage, Barnett observed a male in a white polo break the gate arm off with his hand. The suspect picked up the gate

arm after trying to put it back on the unit and carried it off. Barnett tracked his movements over the next five minutes.

Barnett went to 1203 University Loop Building 2 and began knocking on the doors the suspect was last seen.

Barnett came to apartment 2205 where he could hear multiple people inside however the door was not opened for some time. A female opened the door and confirmed the gate was inside the apartment as well as the suspect.

The suspect admitted to criminal mischief and theft of the gate and turned over the property to Officer Barnett. He was identified, issued a citation arrest and released. The gate arm was returned to the parking storage room to be replaced.

Sept. 15 | 9:55 p.m.

Patrol Officer Colby Drope was dispatched to 1115 University Loop E. Building #4 in reference to the complainant’s

door being kicked in. Dispatch advised the room number was 4311. Upon arrival, the officers made contact with the three victims who were sitting in their dorm with the entrance door kicked in. The door had significant damage and the door frame could not be secured. All parties stated they did not see the suspects once they reached the hallway all parties present stated there was no conflict with any other residents.

After reviewing the camera footage four males spoke with their neighbor briefly before kicking in the door and running down the stairwell smiling. All suspects were identified and located at Lambda Chi Fraternity house at 11:46 p.m. One of the suspects was not present and instructed to meet the officers in the lobby of Quad 4. The suspect failed to comply and no contact was made. The report will be forwarded to Student Conduct.